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Dear Sirs,

I am writing you in response to an article in Road Star Magazine the September issue on Diabetes. I am 55 years old and a diabetic. I was diagnosed with type 2 diabetes in March 1996. The doctors put me on the diabetic pills for two years and the pills did not keep my blood sugar count down and was switched to Advandia and insulin. The insulin now keeps my blood sugar down to where the doctors feel it should be on my 6 months check ups. I have been a trucker for most of my life. I check my blood twice a day and carry my supplies with me at all times. These include my monitor and insulin also some quick acting sugar.

On October 29, 2000 my boss called me and I was done driving for him since his insurance carrier would no longer insure me. My job consisted of driving into Minneapolis, Minnesota and back to our home base in Algona, Iowa which was a 350 mile round trip. I was a good driver with no speeding tickets and no accidents and the only reason he let me go was because of my diabetes.

There are other diseases that are as bad or worse then controlled diabetes. Some of the are sleep apnea, cancer, heart problems and many more.

I had a friend who had and asthma attack while driving and was dead before his truck hit the bottom of the hill.

Their are 75-80 year old people who are drive semis and Rvs with health problems that is just as bad as diabetes. These problems never seem to be a concern of Federal or State DOT rules Why should diabetes?

Diabetes is much more controlled now then what it was 30 years ago. This law should be changed.

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